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1. EMBOFF DELIVERED AN UNCLASSIFIED PAPER OUTLINING A REVISED POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION TO COMMISSIONER LIBRADO IBE OF THE PHILIPPINE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION JUNE 2, 1977.

2. DR. IBE'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS WERE THAT THIS REVISION OF THE WORKING PAPER APPEARED MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN THE ORIGINAL OWING TO ITS GREATER STRESS ON INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES AND ITS FOCUS ON IAEA AS THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING BODY. DR. IBE SAID HE WOULD STUDY THE DOCUMENT MORE CLOSELY AND ADVISE THE EMBASSY OF ANY FURTHER GENERAL COMMENTS AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE STUDY PROGRAMS.

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3. EMBOFF ASKED DR. IBE FOR HIS REACTION, AND THAT OF THE OTHER DELEGATES AT THE RECENT SALZBURG CONFERENCE, TO THIS U.S. INITIATIVE. HE FIRST DESCRIBED THE GERMAN AND FRENCH DELEGATES OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS WHICH HE PARAPHRASED THUSLY; "WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES IN A MANNER THAT WE DEEM TO BE IN OUR OWN BEST NATIONAL INTERESTS." DR.

IBE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT DIRECTOR FRY AND DR. SERERING OF USERDA WERE CONVINCING ADVOCATES OF THE NEW U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY, MUCH MORE SO THAN THE U.S. DELEGATES AT THE APRIL CONFERENCE IN IRAN. HE SUGGESTED THIS WAS PROBABLY DUE TO A REFINING AND MATURING OF THE U.S. POLICY SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER'S ORIGINAL APRIL 7 STATEMENT. HE SAID HE AND OTHER DELEGATES WERE PERSUADED BY FRY THAT THE USG HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY PRECLUDED REPROCESSING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF BREEDER REACTORS, BUT ONLY WANTED TO DELAY ADOPTION OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE TIME FOR A MORE STUDIED APPROACH TO THEIR USES. THIS APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE INTENT OF THE REVISED INFCE AND THEREFORE WE WOULD EXPECT DR. IBE'S FINAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.

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